The basic objective of the MoU was to enable formation of a project specific Special Purpose Vehicle for implementation of the railway line project from Surat to Hazira Port.

Harassment of RPF women staff

2405. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the staff of Railway Protection Force in Central Railway, specially women are harassed by frequent suspension, dismissal, removal and transfer at any time;

(b) whether Government are also aware that such harassment are due to prejudice and are on increase during last two years;

(c) the details of RPF personnel in Central Railway who were suspended/terminated/dismissed during last two years alongwith reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government to reinstate them and to check this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No woman constable or Railway Protection Force, Central Railway has either been placed under suspension or dismissed from service or transferred out of division against her wish. However, a complaint of sexual harassment was lodged by Smt. Manjushri Jain, Ex. Head Clerk, Chief Security Commissioner/RPF Office, Mumbai against Shri B.S. Sidhu, CSC/RPF/Central Railway. The General Manager, Central Railway appointed a committee to enquire into the complaint. On enquiry, her complaint was proved to be false. Later on, Smt. Manjushri Jain was taken up under D&AR rules and she was dismissed from the service by the Disciplinary Authority. Against these orders, she moved the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai Bench, which dismissed her Original Application (OA-No. 379) of 2005 *vide* orders dated 31-07-2006.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.